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CONTENT SELECTION REQUESTING

STATION, CONTENT PROVIDING STATION,

CONTENT SWITCHING INSTRUCTION DEVICE, PROGRAM, COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

STORING THE PROGRAM, AND NETWORK

**SYSTEM** 

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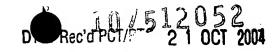
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